

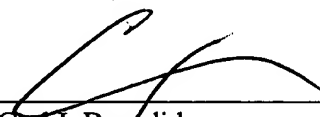
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IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the claims as follows:

13. A method of achieving electronic business transactions in an electronic business transaction system including a plurality of member sites, a center site, and a network to connect the member sites and the center site to each other, said method comprising:

storing information of open businesses issued by a plurality of member sites to find business partners in an open business information database in said center site;

receiving a request from a member site to access ~~transmitting~~ contents of said open business information database stored in ~~from~~ said center site ~~to said member sites~~; and

receiving ~~transmitting~~ an order specification ~~received from a said~~ member site at ~~from~~ said center site and transmitting said order specification to an order destination member site based on contents of said open business information database.

14. An electronic business transaction system, comprising:

a center site;

a plurality of member sites; and

a network which connects said center site and said member sites to each other,

wherein said center site comprises:

an open business information database which stores information of open businesses issued by said member sites to find business partners,

means for receiving a request from a member site to access ~~transmitting~~ contents of said open business information database ~~to said member sites~~, and

means for receiving ~~transmitting~~ an order specification ~~received~~ from a said member site and transmitting said order specification to an order destination member site based on contents of said open business information database.